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Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, today announced the indictment of one defendant for Illegal Reentry Into the United States After Removal. The grand jury for the Southern District of Illinois returned the indictment in United States District Court at Benton, Illinois, on June 8, 2006.

**Imelda Presa-Presa**, age 23, of Guanajuato, Mexico, was charged in a one count indictment which alleges that on May 3, 2006, she was found in the United States, in Crawford County, Illinois, after having previously been ordered removed from the United States without having first obtained the consent of the Attorney General of the United States. Upon conviction, she faces a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and a one year term of supervision. She also faces deportation. Presa was arrested on a complaint on May 22, 2006, and is currently in the custody of the United States Marshal.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

Investigation into the case is being handled by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.